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Relates to Item #5

Los Angeles County has not comprehensively updated its General Plan in over thirty years, far beyond the state's recommended guidelines. In addition to the lack of an updated plan, environmentalists have repeatedly criticized—and the Attorney General has warned of potential litigation regarding—the absence of a climate action plan, and the County's earlier failure to include mechanisms that would ensure the Plan's policies will reliably be implemented. At long last, the General Plan update process is underway. However, to ensure this much-needed effort is not wasted, it is important that funding is maintained for both countywide and localized implementation mechanisms for the County's General Plan and its component Area Plans. These implementation mechanisms will properly include countywide zoning updates, community planning efforts, and community standards districts. Ensuring that these implementation mechanisms are carried out will, if done properly, both improve the quality of life for our communities and provide an overall planning framework that can withstand public and legal scrutiny.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the CEO to identify \$200,000 for the Department of Regional Planning for completion of the General Plan, community plans, and other implementation mechanisms and report back in time for Supplemental Changes to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget.

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